GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:656
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OIL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES BY IOC AND FRENCH OIL COMPANY .
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and French Oil Company `ELF` have agreed to carry out joint research and developmen activities in India;

(b): if so, the details thereof alongwith the joint research and development activities undertaken in Maharashtra;

(c): whether the two oil companies have agreed to market fuel and diesel additives; and

(d): if so, the progress, if any, made in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): A Memorandum of Understanding for R&D and marketing collaboration has been signed between the Indian Oil Corporation Limited and M/s ELF, France on 21.9.1999 and trial marketing of diesel fuel additives is being done from September 1999.There is no specific R&D programme envisaged for Maharashtra.